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1. AS SCHEDULED, I MET AT THE EMBASSY WITH SENATOR STONE, AMB CLINGAN AND MESSRS. DILIBERTO, FINEBERG, SHIELDS AND JONES ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21. AT THIS MEETING MEMBERS OF MY STAFF AND I BRIEFED SENATOR STONE AND OTHERS ON THE CURRENT SITUATION, AS WE SAW IT, WITH REFERENCE TO MINISTER ADDERLEY'S ATTITUDE TOWARD DISCUSSING SPINEY LOBSTER.

2. IN BRIEFING WE TOUCHED OTHER ISSUES WHICH ARE PENDING AND HOW THEY WERE ALL INTERRELATED. SENATOR STONE ADMITTED TO HAVING A FAR BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ENTIRE PICTURE THAN EVER BEFORE AND INDICATED THAT HE WOULD NOT OPEN THE SUBJECT OF SPINEY LOBSTER BUT WOULD CONFINE HIS REMARKS TO FIN FISHING AND ANY OTHER AREAS THAT MINISTER ADDERLEY SEEMED TO WANT TO TALK ABOUT.

3. AT 1:30 P.M. SENATOR STONE, AMB CLINGAN, MR. FINEBERG AND MYSELF MET WITH MIN ADDERLEY. SENATOR STONE OPENED THE CONVERSATION BY STATING THAT HE WAS NOT GOING TO BROACH THE SUBJECT OF SPINEY LOBSTER AND MIN ADDERLEY REPONDED WITH THANKS. SENATOR STONE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE DID WISH TO DISCUSS FIN FISHING AND THEN MIN
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ADDERLEY EXPLAINED AS HE HAS DONE BEFORE THAT HE WOULD NOT WANT TO DISCUSS FIN FISHING OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF FISHING WITH US NOW BECAUSE OTHER NEIGHBORS OF THE BAHAMAS, I.E., CUBA, HAITI, ETC., ALSO WANTED TO DISCUSS FISHING AND AS SOON AS HE STARTED TALKING WITH US THEY WOULD ALL BE ON HIM. HE WENT ON IN SOME DETAIL TO EXPLAIN HIS PERSONAL DISAPPOINTMENT AND FRANK RESENTMENT AT OUR TAKING NOMIN-

ATIONS IN THE BLAKE PLATEAU. HE CONCLUDED BY SIMPLY STATING THAT ONCE WE HAD RESOLVED THE BLAKE PLATEAU ISSUE HE WOULD THEN UNDOUBTEDLY BE WILLING TO DISCUSS FIN FISHING BECAUSE HAVING RESOLVED THE BLAKE PLATEAU WE WOULD AT THE SAME TIME HAVE RESOLVED MUCH OF THE BOUNDARY ISSUE THAT WOULD HAVE TO DO WITH FIN FISHING IN THAT AREA.

4. IN THE COURSE OF CONVERSATION SENATOR STONE MENTIONED THE PENDING CAB DECISION TO BE HANDED DOWN ON AMERICAN AIRLINES PETITION FOR NON-STOP SERVICE FROM NEW YORK TO NASSAU, AND OFFERED HIS ASSISTANCE. MIN ADDERLEY SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING THAT COULD BE DONE. SENATOR STONE MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WAS SPEAKING AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND COULD PROMISE NOTHING BUT WOULD MAKE HIS BEST EFFORT TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE IN THAT AREA AS WELL AS IN HAVING A TOP LEVEL REVIEW OF THE POSITION WE HAD TAKEN WITH REFERENCE TO THE CALL OF NOMINATION IN THE BLAKE PLATEAU AREA.

5. IN MY JUDGEMENT THE MEETING WENT EXCEPTIONALLY WELL. THERE WERE NO SURPRISES. SENATOR STONE SEEMED TO HAVE A FAR BETTER APPRECIATION OF THE LOBSTER PROBLEM AND ITS RAMIFICATIONS THAN HE PREVIOUSLY DID AND ALTHOUGH I SAW NO SUBSTANTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS I DO THINK IT WAS BENEFICIAL NOT ONLY FOR SENATOR STONE BUT ALSO FROM THE STANDPOINT OF IMPROVING THE RELATIONSHIP WITH MINISTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADDERLEY, WHO SEEMED PLEASED WITH THE VISIT.
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